

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A device for the rapid detection of allergen-specific IgE in a sample obtained from an animal, said device comprising:

(a) a first member comprising a porous member having a sample receiving area, wherein said porous member is spotted with at least one mixture of allergens and a control spot, wherein said control spot comprises an agent selected from the group consisting of IgE and a reagent that selectively binds IgE; and

(b) a support member that is in direct contact with the first member.

2. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein the mixture of allergens is deposited on one spot of the porous member.

3. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein mixtures of allergens are deposited on multiple spots of the porous member.

4. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein the mixture of allergens is deposited on an area of the porous member separate from the sample receiving area.

5-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein said device further comprises an absorbent member in capillary communication with the porous first member, wherein said absorbent member is selected to induce flow of liquid through the first member without the use of external means.

10. (Currently amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein ~~the control spot contains~~ purified said IgE is from an animal selected from the group consisting of dogs, cats, horses and humans.

11. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein said mixture of allergens comprise one or more types of allergens selected from the group consisting of cat allergens, dog allergens, flea saliva proteins, house dust mite allergens, Japanese Cedar pollen, ragweed allergens, ryegrass allergens, meadow fescue, orchard grass, Bermuda grass, sheep sorrel, Kochia, Russian thistle, yellow dock, timothy grass, redtop, birch and blue grass allergens.

12-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A kit comprising the device of Claim 1 and ancillary reagents.

21. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein the device is a lateral flow device.

22. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein the device is a flow-through device.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein said IgE is canine IgE.

26. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein said IgE is feline IgE.

27. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein said IgE is equine IgE.

28. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein the reagent is an anti-IgE immunoglobulin.

29. (New) The device of Claim 1, wherein the reagent is an IgE receptor.